

Notices to Consignees.

S. S. ARGYLE,
FROM CALOUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Steamer are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed at their
risk by the Undersigned and stored at
their Godowns, whence and from the Wharf
or Barge delivery may be obtained.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the
11th instant will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Hongkong, February 4, 1876. fcll

BRITISH STEAMSHIP "CROCODUS,"
Jury, Master, FROM LONDON VIA
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Steamer are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed and stored at
their risk in the Godowns of the Under-
signed, from whence delivery may be ob-
tained.
Consignees wishing to take their Goods
from the boats alongside the Wharf, are at
liberty to do so.
Goods remaining in store after the 11th
February will be subject to rent.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary is given until 12
o'clock on the 4th February.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
WM. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 31, 1876. f11

BRITISH BARK MARINA,
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
named Vessel are requested to send
in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
for countersignature, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the
vessel, will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 4, 1876.

FROM CALOUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Hindostan, Captain T. S.
GARDNER, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature and to take immediate delivery
of their Goods.
Cargo impeding her discharge will be at
once landed and stored at their risk and
expense.
DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 4, 1876.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per German
Barque **IRIS**, WENIG, Master,
from Hamburg, are requested to send
immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge will be
landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
WM. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 31, 1876.

BRITISH SHIP GRYFE, FROM
LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the
vessel, will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 30, 1875.

BRITISH BARK COLDSTREAM,
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the
vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 13, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense has been effected.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
G. CHAMPAUX,
Acting Agent.
Ex *Domat*, July 2, 1874.
Ex *Irakoudy*, November 22, 1875.
AB No. 5, 1 case Merchandise.
Ex *Andary*, January 10, 1876.
BM, 100 bales Cotton.
Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

For Sale.

TAKASIMA COLLIERY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

FOR SALE.
THRESH TAKASIMA COAL, in lots to
suit purchasers. Landed, Hardpacked,
double-screamed at 48 per Ton. SMALL,
at 45 per Ton.
Apply to
T. G. OLOVER,
No. 7, Queen's Road and at East Point.
Hongkong, December 5, 1875.

DUC DE MONTBELLER-CARTH
BLANCH CHAMPAGNE.
Quarts, \$10 per case (1 dozen).
Pints, \$10 per case (2 dozen).
\$5 per cent. discount on 25 cases.

Bourbon WHISKY.
\$12 per case (1 dozen).
For Sale by **WARD & Co.,**
Hongkong, June 24, 1876.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
BARTON'S PATENT
COMPOSITION PAINT,
For Ships' Bottoms.
Sole Agents for China,
F. BLACKHEAD & Co.,
Hongkong, January 6, 1876.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY AND SHANGHAI.
The Steamship
"YANGTZE,"
E. SCHULTZ, Master, will be
despatched for the above Ports
TO-MORROW, Tuesday, the 8th instant,
at 3 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, February 7, 1876. fcl8

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAMSUI AND
TAKAO.
The Steamship
"LEONOR,"
Captain DIAZ, will be despatched
for the above Ports on WEDNES-
DAY, the 9th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
Hongkong, February 7, 1876. fcl9

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO
AND YOKOHAMA.
The Russian Steamer
"BATRAK,"
will leave for the above Ports
on THURSDAY Next, 10th
instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 7, 1876. fcl10

FOR COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND
MELBOURNE.
The Eastern and Australian
Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer
"BOWEN,"
Captain S. PARR, will be
despatched as above on MONDAY, the
14th instant, at 2 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Hongkong, February 7, 1876. fcl14

FROM LIVERPOOL, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Russian Steamer "Batraik" having
arrived from the above ports, Con-
signees of Cargo by her are requested to
send their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge will be at
once landed and stored at their risk and
expense.
LANDSTEIN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 7, 1876. fcl14

WANTED.
A CAPTAIN FOR STEAM-TUG "FAME,"
Apply to the Secretary, Hongkong
and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited.
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 7, 1876. fcl14

NOTICE.
The interest and responsibility of the
late Mr. SIDNEY DEACON in our Firm,
ceased on the 9th September last.
Mr. ALFRED T. DUVAL was admitted a
Partner therein on the 1st ultimo.
Canton, February 1, 1876. mcl7

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
Feb. 3, *Cassandra*, German steamer, 247.
H. Langard, Bangkok Jan. 28, Rice—
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Feb. 6, *Yangtze*, from Canton.
Feb. 6, *Priam*, British steamer, 1672.
S. H. Butler, Shanghai Feb. 3, General—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Feb. 6, *Anadyr*, French steamer, 3660.
De Butler, Shanghai Feb. 4, Malls and
General—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
Feb. 6, *Chento*, Chinese gunboat, 216.
Geo. Robertson, Swatow Feb. 5.
Feb. 6, *Leonor*, Spanish steamer, 408.
L. Diaz, Amoy Feb. 4, Coal and General—
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Feb. 6, *Batraik*, Russian steamer, 550.
G. J. Zoroff, Liverpool Oct. 17, Singapore
Jan. 26, General—LANDSTEIN & Co.
Feb. 6, *City of Peking*, American steamer,
5,079, Z. L. Janner, San Francisco Jan. 7,
and Yokohama Feb. 1, Malls and General—
F. M. S. S. Co.
Feb. 6, *Estopos*, British steamer, 678.
L. B. Euback, Saigon Jan. 31, Rice—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Feb. 7, *Pardo*, British steamer, 763.
Powers, Saigon Feb. 2 (5 a.m.), Rice—
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Feb. 7, *Thales*, Brit. steamer, 520, Colab.
Bangkok Jan. 30, Rice—DOUGLAS LAFRAIK
& Co.

DEPARTURES.
Feb. 6, *Yangtze*, for Swatow.
6, *Djemnah*, for Shanghai.
6, *Douglas*, for Swatow, &c.
7, *Wash*, for Haiphong.
7, J. H. Jensen, for Tientsin.
CLEARED.
E. M. Young, for Saigon.
Auguste, for Akyab.
Rajah, for Swatow.
Charlie, for Whampoa.
Rapid, for Bangkok.
Yangtze, for Amoy and Shanghai.
Charles Murray, for Tientsin.
Norden, for Singapore.

PASSENGERS.
Arrived.—Per *City of Peking*, Mrs. F.
A. Goddard, Messrs. J. J. Henderson, H.
M. Blanchard, Ogden E. Edwards, W. H.
Lamb, and S. Butcher.
Per *Priam*, from Shanghai, for Hong-
kong, Mr. Telford, and J. China. Per
Singapore, Mr. Booth. Per Penang, Mr.
Murray. Per London, Mr. Bergman and
4 children. Mr. Wells and 2 children. Mrs.
Court and child, and Mr. Barlow.
Per *Anadyr*, from Shanghai, for Hong-
kong, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Gardner and child.
Mr. and Mrs. Sed and two children. Messrs.
R. Sed, H. Sed and son, W. Sed, L. Sed.
Laced, two children and servant. Messrs. J.
Miller, Stewart, and Oakwright.
Per *Chito*, General Fung and family.
Per *Leonor*, 9 Chinese.
Per *Amoy*, 4 Chinese.
Per *Pardo*, 10 Chinese.
Departed.—Per *Douglas*, for Swatow,
Messrs. Fred. D. Hinch and Ferguson.

PASSENGERS.
Per *Djemnah*, for Shanghai.
Per *Norden*, 1 European.
Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORT.
The German steamer *Cassandra* reports:
fine weather and light winds throughout.
The Spanish steamer *Leonor* reports:
fine weather throughout the passage.
The Chinese gunboat *Chento* reports:
moderate monsoon and fine weather.
The British steamer *Priam* reports: fresh
monsoon and fine weather throughout.
The British steamer *Pardo* reports: fine
weather with exception of one day, when
had heavy head sea.
The British steamer *Estopos* reports:
from the 31st Jan. until the 2nd instant,
had strong monsoon and high sea, thence
port, moderate monsoon and fine weather.
Passed a steamer bound South on the 2nd.
The American steamer *City of Peking* re-
ports: sailed from San Francisco January
7, at 4 p.m. To Jan. 14, had pleasant
gales from S.W. to N.W. and fine weather.
Jan. 13, at 12.45 p.m., lat. 30.13 N., long.
161.10 W., communicated with *City of*
Peking, all well; then to Jan. 23, light
breezes from N. to E.N.E. with pleasant
weather, and thence to Yokohama strong
gales from N.W. and heavy sea. Arriving
Jan. 29, at 12.30 p.m. Sailed from Yoko-
hama Feb. 1 at 6.35 a.m. to Feb. 3 had
fresh westerly gales and head sea, and
thence to port fresh monsoons and cloudy
weather. Arrived at Hongkong Feb. 6,
at 5.40 p.m.

The British steamer *Thales* reports: left
Bangkok Bar at 7.30 a.m., had light S.
winds and fine weather down the Gulf of
Siam. Rounded Pulo Obi Feb. 1st at noon,
and thence to port experienced fresh mon-
soon with heavy head sea and current with
fine weather. Stra. Adria and Maharajah
arrived from Hongkong Jan. 28.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.
For MANILA.—
Per *GUNGA*, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow,
the 8th instant, instead of as previ-
ously notified.
For AMOY & SHANGHAI.—
Per *YANGTZE*, at 2.30 p.m. To-mor-
row, the 8th inst.
For SAIGON.—
Per *PERONIA*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow,
the 8th inst.
For SWATOW, AMOY, TAMSUI AND
TAKAO.—
Per *LEONOR*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow,
the 8th inst.
For COOKTOWN.—
Per *CITY OF EXETER*, at 1.30 p.m.
on Saturday, the 12th instant.
For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CAL-
CUTTA.—
Per Indian Mail Packets *HINDOSTAN*
and *AFGHAN*, at 2.30 p.m. on
Saturday, the 12th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet *ANADYE*,
will be despatched on THURSDAY,
the 10th February, with Malls to and
through the United Kingdom via
Marseilles to Europe, Saigon, Singa-
pore, Galle, Madras, Calcutta,
Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alex-
andria.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Malls, &c.:—
Wednesday, 9th Feb.
5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post
Office closes except the Night Box,
which remains open all night.
Thursday, 10th Feb.
7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of
7 Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.
10 A.M. Registry of Letters closes.
11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late
Letters.
11.10 A.M. Letters (but Letters only)
addressed to the United Kingdom or
to Singapore may be posted on
payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents
extra postage, until
11.30 A.M. when the Post Office Closes
entirely.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, January 27, 1876. f110

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
The United States Mail Packet *CITY OF*
PEKING will be despatched on TUES-
DAY, the 15th inst., at 3 p.m. with the
Malls—
For Yokohama, San Francisco, the United
States and the United Kingdom.
The Post Office will be open for the recep-
tion of Ordinary Letters, Books, News-
papers, &c., until 2.30 p.m.
Letters can be posted on board the Packet
from 2.30 p.m. to 2.50 p.m. on payment
of a Late Fee of 12 cents in addition to
the Postage.
The prepayment of the Postage to all the
above places by this route is compul-
sory. Correspondence insufficiently
prepaid will be forwarded by the Eng-
lish Packets.

Correspondence addressed to Yokohama,
and the United States must be super-
scribed per *City of Peking*, and that
addressed to the United Kingdom must
be super-scribed "via San Francisco."
ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, Feb. 4, 1876. f116

VALUARY FOR THE ENGLISH PACKET.
The English Contract Packet *GWALIOR*,
will be despatched with the Malls for
Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the
17th instant.
The following will be the hours of closing
the Malls, &c.:—
Wednesday, 16th Inst.
5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. The Night
Box, which remains open all night.
Thursday, 17th Inst.
7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.
10 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late
Letters.
10.15 A.M. Letters may be posted on
payment of a Late Fee of 12 cents
extra postage until
11 A.M. when the Post Office Closes
entirely.

11.30 A.M. Letters (but Letters only)
addressed to the United Kingdom or
to Singapore may be posted on
board the Packet on payment of a
Late Fee of 12 cents extra postage.
11.30 A.M. Posting on Board ceases.
ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, Feb. 4, 1876. f117

General Memoranda.

IN CONSEQUENCE—*Leonor* leaves for Swatow,
Tientsin, Tamsui and Takao.
Sailed—Sale of Building Materials on
Military Cantonment, at Stanley Bar-
racks.
THURSDAY, Feb. 10:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of
Call and Europe.
Batraik leaves for Shanghai, &c.
Batraik leaves for Shanghai on or about
this date.
Dividend of \$2.50 per share of the Hong-
kong Hotel Co., Limited, payable at
the H. K. & S. Banking Corporation.
FRIDAY, Feb. 11:—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs
Lane, Crawford & Co.
Goods per *Crocodus* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
Goods per *Argyle* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
SATURDAY, Feb. 12:—
3 p.m.—*Hindostan* leaves for Singapore,
Penang and Calcutta.
3 p.m.—*Argyle* leaves for Singapore,
Penang and Calcutta.
MONDAY, Feb. 14:—
2 p.m.—*Bowen* leaves for Cooktown,
Sydney and Melbourne.
TUESDAY, Feb. 15:—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yoko-
hama and San Francisco.
THURSDAY, Feb. 17:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports
of Call and Europe.
2 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration at City Hall.
3 p.m.—Seventh Ordinary Annual Meet-
ing of Shareholders of The Hongkong
Fire Insurance Company, Limited.
FRIDAY, Feb. 18:—
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited.
MONDAY, Feb. 28:—
Claims against the Estate of George Barry
Falconer, deceased, must be sent in on
or before this date.
WEDNESDAY, March 1:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s
Steamer *Oceano* leaves for Yokohama
and San Francisco.
SATURDAY, April 1:—
Warrants against undivided Dividends,
Bonds or Interests on Victoria Fire
Insurance Co., to be presented before
this date.
FRIDAY, June 30:—
Claims against the Estate of Diederich
Heinrich, Quereiro Antonio Gutierrez,
Martin Carroll, Dora Howard, and
Henry Roberts, deceased, must be
proved on or before this date.
MONDAY, July 31:—
Claims against the Estates of Gustav
Tobler, Edward Parker, Edward
Richard Handley, Kwong Yam, Lam
Kok Cheong, Lee Ah Yon, Leung, Sew
Fan, Man Chau, and a Chinaman,
name unknown; No. 11, deceased, must
be proved on or before this date.

question of race. The time will
some day arrive, when the "oldest in-
habitant" will be Hongkong born, and
the conditions of government will, as in
other colonies, have to be modified to
suit a race to whom the Colony is in
every sense a home. There is time
enough yet for such things. But it is in-
teresting to note that the "barren rock"
of Mr. Montgomery Martin is gradually
becoming a fresh cradle for races who
have played so important a part in the
history of the Western world. No doubt
a large proportion of those thus born
leave our shores never to return. But
there is a constantly accumulating resi-
dium, and the end of this century will
have seen appreciable changes in the
(literally) "native" population of the
Colony.

WHEN, in a recent issue, we proposed
that a blow should be struck at the
dubious monopoly by establishing a steam
washing institution in this Colony, we
were unaware that steps tending to that
most desirable consummation were al-
ready under consideration. It appears
that a home firm, which manufactures
the machinery for steam washing and
laundry purposes, has notified its local
agent that a working model of the
apparatus is on its way out to Hong-
kong, where it will be placed on ex-
hibition in the City Hall
Museum. The total cost of this appa-
ratus is, we learn, about £2,000; but
the amount of work which it will per-
form is in ample proportion. The also
recommended is one which will execute
the washing of some ten thousand
pieces of washing per day. In other
words, it would clear up the week's
washing of the Colony in about three
days, while it could perform the operation
with a perfection, a tenderness for but-
tons, &c., and for the texture of the
articles submitted to its manipulation,
unparalleled in Colonial annals.

A careful estimate of the amount of
washing done in the Colony leads to a
well-founded belief that such an establish-
ment would pay a most handsome in-
terest on the outlay, at the current rates
charged by Chinese. The adoption of
this machinery at home has in some
places revolutionised the business and led
to immense savings on the part of Hos-
pitals, work-houses and similar establish-
ments. Here, too, it is more than a
matter of mere cost. People do not so
much object to that as to the endless
complaints which have to be made
about missing pieces and the un-
natural wear and tear which the
stone-beating process causes to the
fabrics thus dealt with. A steam wash-
ing apparatus would do away with all
these objectionable features, and the only
point, so far as we can see, to be dealt
with is the amount of guaranteed sup-
port such a scheme would obtain. As
to having any difficulty with the native
guild, such an idea is absurd. Surely
Hongkong is too well policed and garriso-
ned to render it necessary that we
should put up with any dictation of this
sort. If not, the sooner better arrange-
ments are made, the better. For our
own part, we utterly deny the existence
of the slightest danger from such a
source. Even if a difficulty by experi-
enced in getting Chinese workmen, there
are a sufficient number of negro and
other residents to sufficiently fill their
place. The whole thing, to our mind,
simply resolves itself into a question
of funds. And though the specula-
tive instinct in Hongkong is by no
means what it was, we are much
mistaken if the necessary amount could
not be very soon raised. One hundred
shares of \$100 each would not be very
difficult to float, if the character of the
machinery were assured, and there was
fair confidence in those who undertook
its working. It would at all events be
very easy to ascertain what the general
feeling would be at the cost of printing
a few circulars containing carefully
worked-out estimates. A bonus out of
the profits might be offered to those
who supported the scheme by their
custom, and this could be easily paid, if
as it would appear, half the price now
charged by native washmen would
suffice to make it self-supporting. We
hope to hear more of this project, which
deserves every success. For things try
people's temper more here than washing.
Steam will, we hope, yet have another
triumph which will materially tend to
the personal comfort of every European
in the Colony.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
Shipping.
3 p.m.—*Yangtze* leaves for Amoy and
Shanghai.
Frian leaves for London on or about
this date.

TO ADVERTISERS.
It is requested that all advertisements be
sent, when practicable, by 4 p.m., to allow of
the early issue of the paper.
The publication of this issue commenced
at 6.55 p.m.

BIRTHS.
At Shanghai, on the 1st February, 1876,
Mrs. J. W. MILLER, of a daughter.

THE CHINA MAIL.
HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEB. 7, 1876.

The Acting Registrar General's Report
for the December quarter of 1875 is less
satisfactory than usual. It reports that
there were registered a total of 870
births and 899 deaths, thus bringing the
British and foreign death rate up to
28.18 per thousand, or about 1 per cent.
higher than the average London rate for
the past two years. For the whole com-
munity the death rate was only 25.94
per thousand, or a little over 1 per cent.
of the home metropolitan rate. Deducting
the deaths of non-residents, the
British and foreign rate comes to about
the same total. These figures are sug-
gestive. For a year which is by no
means a favourable one the highest
rate has been one half per cent. over
London returns, and yet London officers
continue to charge one hundred per cent.
on their insurance rates. Surely it is
time that either a local insurance office
for China were established to meet such
exorbitant exactions, or that one of the
more sensible offices opened a China
branch, working upon carefully pre-
pared statistics of the actual condi-
tions of health in this climate. It is
quite true that many people are
not so well here as they would be
in England, but even adding
the number of invalids to those of deaths,
nothing would be found to justify so
high a tax as is imposed by the com-
panies referred to.

That the birth of 82 boys and 84 girls
should have taken place within three
months amongst the British and foreign
community points to a fact but slightly
recognized as yet, but one which in years
to come must make itself felt. Hongkong
is very slowly becoming more of a home
and less of a place of temporary re-
sidence to Europeans, and new con-
ditions are beginning to surround the

stating that the number of prisoners
sentenced to imprisonment at the Magis-
tracy shows a proportion of two old
offenders to three persons arrested on the
first known charge. This, he urges, de-
monstrates the desirability of making im-
prisonment more deterrent, and it most
undoubtedly does.

As regards the Police force we regret
to observe that the health returns are
unsatisfactory—nearly 12 per cent. of
the force having been on the sick list.
It must however be remembered that
their duties require constant exposure to
the sun, the use of umbrellas and other
protections against excessive heat being
obviously incompatible with their duties.
The Stations at Shan-kwan, Aberdeen
and Tsim-tau-tai appear to have served
their purpose well, crime having dimi-
nished in their neighbourhoods. We
are glad to note that Captain Deane
draws attention to the low value of the
dollar as compared with the rate at
which the men are paid. This, he says,
appears to press with great hardship on
the men who joined from England and
Scotland, as they were engaged at the
pay of £40 a month, which they were
sold, and at the time with price truth,
was equivalent to £100 a year. The
lowness of exchange now causes a loss of
between 4 and 5 per cent. on all monies
that they may desire to remit home.
He thinks, therefore, that the men merit
some compensation on this point, and
with this most people will agree. The
police have in the main done their duty
very satisfactorily, and it would be un-
fair to subject them to loss.

THE SPIRIT OF THE MORNING
PRESS.

THE Press remarks that it is satisfactory
to notice that the Hongkong Chamber
of Commerce have adopted a letter address-
ed to Earl Carnarvon, giving a general approval
of the proposals of His Excellency the
Governor on the question of the blockade
of this port by Chinese Customs cruisers.
On one point however the Press proposes an
amendment. "The suggestion of Sir Ar-
thur Kennedy, that all revenue cruisers
except those under the immediate autho-
rity of the Hoppo should be suppressed,
was evidently given with the utmost good
faith; but His Excellency must have for-
gotten at the time that most of the com-
plaints made have been preferred against
this revenue-farmer. This official has, in
fact, been the bane of Hongkong, and there
is little prospect of any permanent relief
being afforded to trade unless his power is
limited. In short, not to raise matters,
the real cure for the evil complained of
would be the abolition of the Hoppo.
Promises of amendment will doubtless be
made freely enough, and for a time, perhaps,
the Customs officials would refrain from
any positively unlawful acts, but they would
eventually return to their old habit of
sneaking, and complaints of their rapacity
and injustice be as "life as ever." How
much better it would be, then, to apply the
axe to the root of the evil at once." In
order to prevent future abuses of power
and infractions of international right, a
British gun-vessel should, the Press thinks,
be kept cruising about the approaches to
the harbour, with instructions to make
short work of any Chinese cruiser caught
violating British waters.

THE HONGKONG NATIVE PRESS.
The Chinese Mail has no editorial in this
issue.

The *Chung Ngai San Po* says Turkey
has been prevented from being annihilated
by the three great Continental powers, viz.
Germany, Russia and Austria, but predicts
she cannot continue to exist long.

The *Universal Circulating Herald* com-
ments on the Suez Canal question. It
highly compliments Mr. Mc Ashby on his
success in his examination at Lincoln's Inn.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The *Himalaya* will, we understand, embark
the 80th Regiment on the 14th.

The French mail steamer was to have left
Saigon yesterday for this port.

H.L.R.M.'s corvette *Haydamack* went
outside this morning, but returned to the
harbour this afternoon.

The meeting of the Hongkong & Shanghai
Banking Corporation is, we observe, not-
ticed for Thursday, the 17th inst.

The 28th Regiment marched to the Murray
Barracks this morning with their band, and
after parading returned to the Waiwai
Barracks.

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first performance at the Theatre Royal, City
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the maximum was 61.0, the minimum 45.5. 0.04 inch of rain fell.

Rice cargoes from Saigon to Hongkong:—
Jah, 22, Lotus, 40,000 piculs; 22, Asia, 20,000 piculs; 23, Ly-de-moon, 10,000 piculs; 24, City of Exeter, 20,000 piculs; 24, Nemo, 22,000 piculs; 25, Ocean, 26,000 piculs.

A fire occurred on Saturday morning in one of the houses known as Jardine's Bazaar, but was speedily got under by the neighbours, with buckets of water. The fire originated in the cook-house, where there was a quantity of matches stored. Jardine's engine was got into position, but luckily was not required.

The following notice to mariners, received from the Brisbane Port-Master, is published in Saturday's *Gazette*:—
A rock, awash at low water, is reported by Captain Duffield to exist in latitude 10° 30' S., longitude 142° 50' E. A sandbank, on which there is a *Bêche-de-mer* station, is reported by Captain Hannah to lie 7 miles E. by N. 1/2 N. from the S.E. Bourke lighthouse. The sandbank is situated near the south-western end of a reef 4 miles long and 2 to 2 1/2 wide, lying N.E. and S.W. A series of reefs extend hence some 8 miles in the direction of Canoe Bay, until the Darnley Island Channel is reached.

The case of Whitall and Linstead, trustees in the estate of the late A. Heard & Co., against Bonecke, Sonchay & Co., came on again to-day, before Sir John Smale and Mr Justice Snowden, in Chambers. The hearing was a public one, but it was in Chambers because the internal arrangements of the Court room are being altered. The object of the hearing was to have certain legal points which their Lordships were in doubt of, cleared up. After hearing Counsel on both sides, the Court rose to consider its judgment, which may not be delivered for some days yet to come. Mr Haylar, Q.C., instructed by Messrs Caldwell and Brereton, appeared for the plaintiff, and the Attorney General, the Hon. J. Bramston, instructed by Messrs Sharp, Toller and Johnson, for the defendant. The argument was of a purely technical nature.

FURTHER particulars in reference to the burning of the Chinese steamer *Houyang* have been received from the head office of the Company at Shanghai by the local agent. The origin of the fire is not known, but the flames are supposed to have proceeded from the hold. The cargo consisted chiefly of Shanghai Rice. The steamer was lying at the wharf at the time of the accident, and was to have left the next morning at daylight, with a full cargo for Swatow, on her first trip after the Chinese New Year. The *Houyang* was one of the best steamers owned by the O. M. S. N. Company, being the swiftest and at the same time most economical in the consumption of fuel. She was insured for 100,000 taels, 20,000 taels of which were accepted by the Company itself, and the rest by local offices. The New Marine Insurance Office, which sprung out of the Steamship Company last year, was liable for the goods burnt to the extent of 28,000 taels. This of course has nothing to do with the Steamship Company, which only suffers to the extent of the number of shares it holds in this insurance office. The latter telegram received here by the local agent is to the effect that the *Houyang* could be raised for 8,000 taels, and that she could be repaired for 20,000 taels, making in all 28,000 taels. Being only responsible to the extent of one-fifth of her insurance, the Chinese Merchant Steam Navigation Company would lose actually no more than 5,600 taels by this unfortunate accident, besides its own share in the Insurance Company, which is liable to the extent of 28,000 taels. A further telegram has since been received stating that the *Houyang* has been raised, and that she has been docked to-day. The cost of repairs will not exceed the estimate, viz. 20,000 taels.

Saigon.

1st February, 1876.

The New Year chin-chinching is now about over, but our native friends still seem under the influence either of samnait or religious fervor, and business remains dull as ditch-water. *Amiral Duperré* went home yesterday per *Amazone*, and in the meantime the General will rule in his stead.

The last sensation here was the committal of a leading lawyer to 12 years' hard labor, for forgery and swindling on a huge scale; he had been making about \$6 or \$8,000 per annum, and with the help of an extravagant wife and a host of friends (!) spending \$25,000.

We shortly expect steamers sufficient to convey 400,000 piculs of Grain to your port. People are "going in" heavily in the way of chartering for four or six consecutive voyages; this kind of thing producing the following result, viz. com-

plained low freights and advanced Rice prices. In the face of heavy arrivals of tonnage, our Rice Market hasn't a chance to drop. Java still requires a share of our staple, but all the pickings in this trade now fall to Chinese. Europeans continue to do the needful in procuring tonnage, effecting insurance and affording banking facilities for the poor heathen Chinese. It's a disgrace for Java Merchants to overlook European Houses here of tried standing, and to give their business to Chinese, who will "sell" them sooner or later.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates sitting.)

7th February, 1876.

A RESTITUTION OF PROPERTY.

The Master of the Man Hing pawnshop appeared, in answer to a notice of hearing, to show cause why some articles of wearing apparel belonging to Ng Yuet Shan, head servant to the Hon. the Attorney General, should not be returned to the owner, the same having been stolen from him. The complainant stated that, on the 30th Jan. last, he mislaid two jackets from his room, while \$9 were also mislaid by his master from a dressing case. The house-keeper absconded at the time, and it was supposed that he had stolen the things. A report was made to the Police, and a search was made at the pawnbroker's. One of the missing jackets was found in pawn in the defendant's shop. The pawnbroker stated that the article in question was brought to the shop for pledge by one man whom he had known before, and he advanced \$5 on it. He could not find that man now, though he had his address. Mr May ordered the pawnbroker to give up the jacket to the owner upon the actual payment of the sum advanced.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

Chun Atai, a boatman, was fined \$5 for creating a disturbance in the Harbour, and making use of obscene language.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following charges of drunkenness were decided to-day:—
John Mole, seaman on board the American ship *Charter Oak*, was fined 80 cents.
Chun Aow, a tailor, was fined \$1, for being drunk and incapable in the street. He cut his face in the fall.
Sarcesman, seaman P. & O. *Sunda*, was fined \$1. He was chasing street hawkers.
Carl Kröner, seaman on board the ship *Samuel G. Reed*, was fined \$1. He was lying in a very dangerous position near the Harbour Master's Office.
John Morris, boatwain on board the steamer *McGregor*, was fined \$1.

LARCENY.

Constable George Kerr charged Ho A wing, a servant on board the str. *White Cloud*, with stealing on the 25th January three gold rings from the cabin of the Chief Engineer of the steamer *White Cloud*, while the ship lay in Macao. The rings belonged to a Chinese woman named A Kam. On this person of the prisoner one pawn ticket was found, and another was handed him by the prisoner's brother. Remanded till the 8th inst.

HOUSE ROBBERY.

Li Akin, a servant to Mr E. Moore, book-keeper at the Union Insurance Society, was charged on the 3rd inst. with stealing a number of articles of jewellery from a wardrobe. The complainant then deposed that on the night of the 2nd a ring was missed from the wardrobe which had been continually locked up, the key whereof was kept by Mrs. Moore. There were other things in the wardrobe that had not been used but had been stolen, viz. 3 gold studs and one gold locket. The defendant was his servant, and had been in his employ for about two months, but was not registered. He was the only servant in the house. When the case was brought up again to-day, Constable Dickinson, No. 2, stated that he found in the Yee Wo pawnshop three gold studs, which Mr Moore recognized as his. The case was further remanded till the 8th.

In connection with the above case one man was charged with being on Mr Moore's premises. He was frequently found there and had been warned off. On one occasion he was taken to the West Point Station and was let off after a night's detention by Inspector Batten. Remanded also till the 9th.

A CAREFUL PAWNBROKER.

Mul Ayow, a shop coolie, was charged under the following circumstances: Ng Akin, accountant at the Chitr Shing pawnshop, Bonham Street West, stated that about 4.30 p.m. on the 6th, the defendant came to the pawnshop and offered a gold watch and chain in pledge. Seeing that it was a valuable watch and bore an inscription in English, he questioned him about it. Thereupon the defendant said: "What is the use of your asking so many questions?" and snatched the watch from his hand. Witness then gave him in charge. The watch bore the names of "Angell and Brown, 10 Strand, London," as the manufacturer, and the inscription was "J. B. to Aho, 1836." The defendant stated that he kept the Kwong Shing Hop cook-shop at Japan. It was bequeathed him by his father who died three years ago. Since then the defendant and his uncle went in partnership. He returned to Hongkong, arriving here on the 28th January last, having paid \$30 for his passage. After arrival here he went to Canton, where he gambled and lost over \$100. Therefore he wished to pledge the watch, which cost him \$120 at Japan. He bought it of the Toong Fat Cheong shop. The case was remanded till the 10th inst. and the Hon. C. May highly commended the pawnbroker for his conduct in this matter.

China.

(N. C. D. News.)

The Burmese Embassy, which started for Peking so cautiously, coincidentally with Margary's murder, left on its return journey on the 18th November, and has passed out of the province of Chihli. A prison of the conversations had with the members of the Taung-li-yamen during its stay would be interesting.

A rumour coming from Yunnan, is that a

Chinese force is collected at Moupin, with a view to exterminate potential British troops.

The U. S. S. frigate *Tennessee* on the river from Nagasaki on Jan. anchored at Yokohama, about 10 miles from the city. The ship was under the command of Master's house and while en route to the flood tide, which was unusually strong, she took the ground stern. A telegram was immediately sent to Shanghai for assistance, and the tug steamers *Fo-kien* and *Rocket* proceeded to the spot. They succeeded in getting her off at 3.15 p.m. of the 8th.

A small schooner named the *Boneta* of only 46 tons register and but 52 feet in length, commanded by Mr J. A. Mitchell, master of the late brig *Georgia*, has arrived in the river from Nagasaki, laden with coal and is now offered for sale. She experienced rather heavy weather during her passage, but proved a good seaboat.

The Chinese have been doubly compensated for the bad weather which prevented their usual visiting excursions on New Year's day, by their belief that snow at New Year time means a good rice crop and general good luck during the coming season, and by the subsequent bright weather which has enabled them to pay all their due visits in comfort. The past season is believed to have been generally a bad one for them, though there have been few failures. But they start on a new departure much more hopefully, and that hopefulness itself will help to supply the energy necessary to success.

(Courier and Gazette.)

This afternoon the ceremony of formally commencing the tramroad to Woosung took place, and the first pile of the first bridge was driven in by Mrs. Morrison in the presence of a few spectators. Although this is the formal commencement the work has been in active progress for some weeks, and from two to three miles of the road have already been laid with a line of light rails. It will probably not be many months before the whole is accomplished; so we may look forward to a trip to Woosung by rail next summer as an agreeable change of air. It is nearly four years ago since this road was projected and a concession obtained from the late Tao-tai. Various difficulties have retarded its progress, but the shareholders and general agents have apparently wisely agreed to set *futura* aside, and to lay down the road on a profitable result upon working the local traffic, and therefore offer encouragement to home capitalists when the time comes for the introduction of railroads into China upon a large scale.

The steamers *Braemar Castle* and *Cowder Castle*, which have been lying in port for two to three months, owing to the absence of remunerative employment, have accepted charters from Saigon to Hongkong at 18 dollar cents per picul for Rice, with 14 days. The rate has since receded to 10 cents per picul according to telegraphic advices.

Very severe monetary pressure was experienced during the recent Chinese setting, and unusual measures were resorted to in order to relieve it. The Tao-tai of Shanghai was applied to for assistance, but declined to give any without securities. Upon the banks depositing dollars in his treasury however, he consented to lend out his store of Sycee. A steam launch, native owned, was sent to obtain assistance from the Fu-tai of Soochow, who advanced to one concern Tls. 180,000, of which Tls. 50,000 consisted of Shanese drafts.

We very much regret to learn the premature decease of our esteemed contemporary the *Commonwealth*, after the issue of only five numbers. It is always a pity when a worthy enterprise falls, and the very liberal spirit and facile penmanship which characterized the *Commonwealth* during its short career gave it a claim to a better fate. There is no doubt, too, that the idea of the promoters was a good one. A local periodical which should take the form of a review rather than that of a journal, and the contributors of which would have more time and leisure for the elaboration of their remarks than fall to the lot of a daily writer, ought to receive support in Shanghai; but unfortunately every attempt to establish such a paper has proved a failure hitherto. The *Cycle* was probably the most admirably-conducted and ably-written publication ever issued in China; and had it not been for its unwholesome politics might have continued until this day. When such an endeavour failed, therefore, it is no disgrace for a less pretentious effort to have collapsed. The truth is that the appreciation of literary accomplishments in Shanghai is not, and cannot be, commensurate with the supply on offer, otherwise our late contemporary would now be entering upon a long career of usefulness and popularity.

We are informed that the United States man-of-war *Monoway* is likely to stay at Ningpo for another month.

We hear from an independent of the failure of a native Bank at Chinkiang, involving three similar establishments at Shanghai to the extent of Tls. 90,000. However, the correspondent of our morning contemporary at that port says that the setting is being got over satisfactorily. A traveller recently noted the extension of the growth of the poppy at Chinkiang, and the produce of it has now come to market at Chinkiang; its quality, however, is such that it cannot be consumed without the admixture of Indian drug.

We hear that private telegrams have been received advising that the allotment of Council Grants has taken place at 1/8, 1/4, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5, 1/6, 1/7, 1/8, 1/9, 1/10, 1/11, 1/12, 1/13, 1/14, 1/15, 1/16, 1/17, 1/18, 1/19, 1/20, 1/21, 1/22, 1/23, 1/24, 1/25, 1/26, 1/27, 1/28, 1/29, 1/30, 1/31, 1/32, 1/33, 1/34, 1/35, 1/36, 1/37, 1/38, 1/39, 1/40, 1/41, 1/42, 1/43, 1/44, 1/45, 1/46, 1/47, 1/48, 1/49, 1/50, 1/51, 1/52, 1/53, 1/54, 1/55, 1/56, 1/57, 1/58, 1/59, 1/60, 1/61, 1/62, 1/63, 1/64, 1/65, 1/66, 1/67, 1/68, 1/69, 1/70, 1/71, 1/72, 1/73, 1/74, 1/75, 1/76, 1/77, 1/78, 1/79, 1/80, 1/81, 1/82, 1/83, 1/84, 1/85, 1/86, 1/87, 1/88, 1/89, 1/90, 1/91, 1/92, 1/93, 1/94, 1/95, 1/96, 1/97, 1/98, 1/99, 1/100, 1/101, 1/102, 1/103, 1/104, 1/105, 1/106, 1/107, 1/108, 1/109, 1/110, 1/111, 1/112, 1/113, 1/114, 1/115, 1/116, 1/117, 1/118, 1/119, 1/120, 1/121, 1/122, 1/123, 1/124, 1/125, 1/126, 1/127, 1/128, 1/129, 1/130, 1/131, 1/132, 1/133, 1/134, 1/135, 1/136, 1/137, 1/138, 1/139, 1/140, 1/141, 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Insurance.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire, on the extent of
\$25,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

EDWARD NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, 800,000 TAIK.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to
all parts of the world at current rates.
This Association will, until further no-
tice, provide out of the earnings, first for
an Interest Dividend of 15% to Share-
holders on Capital, and thereafter dis-
tributed among Policy holders, monthly in
cash, ALL the Profits of the Underwriting
Business pro rata to amount of premium
contributed.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 9, 1872.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—Two Millions Sterling.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Coals in Matched, on Goods on Board
Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Har-
bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.
Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

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posals or any other information, apply to
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Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

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China and Japan, and at Singapore,
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JAS. B. COUGHTRE, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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THE Underigned have been appointed
Agents, for the above Company, at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

His Majesty King George The Third,
A.D. 1720.

THE Underigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 26, 1872.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the world.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits
are distributed annually to Contributors,
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

OLYMPHANT & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

NOTICE

After this date, the above Association
will allow a Brokerage of Thirty
three and One Third per cent (33 1/3%) on
Local Risks only.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 5, 1874.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned Agents are in receipt
of instructions from the Board of
Directors authorizing them to issue Policies
to the extent of £10,000 on any one fire
risk, or to the extent of £15,000 on
adjoining risks at current rates.
A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 8, 1876.

Insurance.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INSURANCE COMPANY, ADRIAN.

CAPITAL—£1,000,000.

THE Underigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, in
Hongkong, China, and Japan, are prepared
to issue Policies of Marine Insurance,
payable to Australia, London, Calcutta,
Bombay, Mauritius, China and Japan at
current rates.

DAMMON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 6, 1875.

VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE

ALL Persons holding Warrants against
unclaimed Dividends, Interest, or
Bonuses, are requested to present same for
payment at the Hongkong and Shanghai
Bank before the 1st April, 1876, otherwise
their claims will not be recognized.

ADOLF ANDRE,
F.W. BASCON,
Liquidators.

Hongkong, December 20, 1875.

THE SCOTCH IMPERIAL INSURANCE CO.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Underigned, Agents at Hongkong,
for the above Company, are prepared
to grant Policies of Marine Insurance, on
the extent of £25,000 on any Building, or
on Goods stored therein, at the usual
rates, subject to a discount of 20%.

Life Policies effected during the year
1875, share in the Bonus to be declared on
31st December for the quinquennial period
then ending.

A. MAGG HEATON,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 27, 1875.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

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for the above Company, are prepared
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A. MAGG HEATON,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 27, 1875.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

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And all Persons being indebted to the
said Estate are requested to make imme-
diate Payment.

I. B. FALCONER,
Administratrix.

Hongkong, December 8, 1875.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE

THE Post of Secretary being about to
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